



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6B

TO: Honorable Chairman Juan C. Zapata
and Members, Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
Committee

DATE: February 11, 2014

FROM: Christopher Agrippa
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Committee:

December 10, 2013

CA/as
Attachment



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Infrastructure and Capital Improvement
Committee (ICIC)**

Board of County Commissioners

Stephen P. Clark Government Center
Commission Chambers
111 N.W. First Street
Miami, Florida 33128

December 10, 2013
As Advertised

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Stephen P. Clark
Government Center
111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128

Infrastructure & Capital Improvements Committee

Juan C. Zapata (11) Chair; Sally A. Heyman (4) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Xavier L. Suarez (7)

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Xavier L. Suarez, Juan C. Zapata.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: Sally A. Heyman 2:18:00 PM, Dennis C. Moss 2:20:00 PM.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Alicia Stephenson, Commission Reporter*
(305)375-1475

1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05 (H)

1B ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak; Assistant County Attorneys Henry Gillman and Sarah Davis; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Alicia Stephenson.*

Assistant County Attorney Henry Gillman noted agenda items 1D2 and 3C should be added to the agenda.

It was moved by Vice Chair Heyman that the agenda be approved with the changes noted. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez and upon being put to a vote, passed 4-0 (Commissioner Moss was absent).

1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1E1

132301 Discussion Item**Xavier L. Suarez**

DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING COUNTY CODE
SECTION 32-154(D) REGARDING IRRIGATION
SYSTEMS USING POTABLE WATER

Presented

Report: *Chairman Zapata recognized Mr. Ronald Roman to make a citizens' presentation.*

Mr. Roman noted he received a letter from the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) advising him that he had to comply with Section 32-154(d) of the County Code because he had an irrigation system. He noted that he read that section of the Code, and it seemed to be directed only at industrial and commercial businesses.

Mr. Roman noted the ordinance required that backflow preventers be installed by water customers by January 1, 2012, but that date was changed to January 1, 2014. He said he suggested to Commissioner Suarez' office that either the ordinance be changed so that it did not impact residential customers, or that all homes that existed before January 1, 2012 be grandfathered in.

Mr. Roman noted the cost of acquiring and installing a backflow device was \$500. He noted if 400,000 occupied homes existed in the County, this amounted to \$200 million, which was paid to plumbers, not to the County. Mr. Roman noted an approximately \$75 inspection was required every year, which amounted to approximately \$30 million per year paid to plumbers, not the County. He noted he did not think the County wanted to implement something that supported employment for plumbers, but something that protected the County.

Mr. Roman indicated Section 32-154(d) was intended to protect the county's water and sewer system by preventing water from flowing back through meters and into the system. He noted he spoke with Mr. Juan Pelay, Assistant W&S Superintendent, WASD, who he noted had a long tenure with the County. Mr. Roman noted Mr. Pelay said that during his tenure, no residential property had created such a backflow of water. Mr. Roman noted he believed the preventive measure(s) should be directed towards commercial properties, because the water

pressure in commercial systems was much higher than it was in residential systems.

Commissioner Barreiro indicated the deadline for installing backflow preventers had been extended. He said an item was being brought before the County Commission that would extend the deadline to 2016. Commissioner Barreiro noted that the issue of eliminating residential areas was being looked at. He noted he also felt that the issue was primarily commercial.

Commissioner Zapata noted he briefly discussed the issue with Mr. John Renfrow, WASD Director, and that Commissioner Barreiro was working on the issue.

Mr. Roman asked the Committee members to keep in mind that WASD only addressed people with water meters designated as sprinkler meters; but the people across the street from him pulled the hose out, hooked up a sprinkler, and let it go back and forth. He asked how WASD would ever determine who was watering their lawns and who was not.

Commissioner Moss indicated that backflow preventers were huge, monstrous distractions in front of buildings, and noted he wondered why a more aesthetic design could not be created. He said environmental obligations needed to be met while something aesthetically pleasing was done.

Mr. Roman indicated the backflow prevention function probably should have been built into the water meter.

Mr. John Renfrow, Director, WASD, noted Section 32-154(d) existed pursuant to a state law. He noted he was attempting this year to change that law in Tallahassee, Florida to provide for a double valve, which would include the backflow preventer in the water meter, so that the preventer would not look like a monstrosity. He asked for patience, noting he expected his efforts to be successful.

Chairman Zapata indicated that calling state legislators would help resolve the matter.

1F PUBLIC HEARINGS

2 COUNTY COMMISSION**3 DEPARTMENT**

3A

132401 Resolution**Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF NW 117 AVENUE, FROM APPROXIMATELY 207 FEET SOUTH OF THE CENTERLINE OF NW 114 STREET SOUTH FOR 143 FEET (ROAD CLOSING PETITION NO. P-901) (Public Works & Waste Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Henry Gillman read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Zapata opened the public hearing. There being no one to appear in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed. The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3B

132285 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DORAL TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF DORAL WITH FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$976,752.70 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NW 97 AVENUE FROM NW 70 STREET TO NW 74 STREET; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Public Works & Waste Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Henry Gillman read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3C

132423 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING NON-EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND NOVA CONSULTING, INC. FOR PROGRAM AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,600,000.00, CONTRACT NO. 13NCI001, PROJECT NO. E13-WASD-02R; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND EXERCISE ANY PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Water & Sewer Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Barreiro

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Henry Gillman read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Zapata opened the public hearing. There being no one to appear in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed. Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak requested that the foregoing proposed resolution be added to the December 17, 2013, County Commission Meeting Agenda, in the interest of getting the non-exclusive professional services agreement awarded.

Chairman Zapata asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that Chairwoman Sosa waive the Board's rules and allow this proposed resolution to be forwarded for consideration at the December 17, 2013 County Commission meeting.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

SPECIAL NOTE: Chairman Zapata submitted his memorandum dated December 10, 2013, entitled, "Waiver Request to the December 17, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting."

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7 REPORTS

7A

132424 Report

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT ON MIAMI-DADE WATER
AND SEWER DEPARTMENT'S INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS
(Mayor)

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Zapata
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Suarez

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Henry Gillman read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Chairman Zapata noted he had been working with the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) and as a result, WASD was providing the foregoing report. He noted the report would provide the status of water and sewer projects and the timeline for advertisement of those projects, for the benefit of the public and the Committee members.

Chairman Zapata noted other monthly reports would be coming before the Committee, and they would break down all water and sewer projects by Commission District, which he noted would help commissioners track what projects had been omitted, needed to be prioritized, or needed to be accelerated. He noted he believed this would be useful in the rebuilding of the County's water and sewer infrastructure.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:31 PM.*